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Jean-Louis BOYER et al.

Group Art Unit: 3641

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Examiner: T. Chambers

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For: PROGRAMMABLY TIMABLE PRIMING DEVICE

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Applicants thank Examiner Chambers for the courtesies extended to Applicants' attorney during the September 4, 2002 telephonic interview. The September 4 telephonic interview was held to determine the status of the Amendment After Final Rejection filed on July 25, 2002 in the above-identified application. The Amendment After Final Rejection was filed in response to a Final Rejection dated June 26, 2002.

Examiner Chambers discussed his decisions regarding the Amendment After Final Rejection during the September 4 telephonic interview with Applicants' attorney. First, Examiner Chambers stated that he will withdraw the finality of the June 26 rejection. Next, the Examiner stated that he will enter the Amendment After Final Rejection. Further, the Examiner stated that he would withdraw the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) and

35 U.S.C. §103(a) based on Beukes et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,085,659) because the effective filing date of the above-identified application is December 20, 1996, prior to the December 10, 1998 102(e) date of Beukes. Finally, Examiner Chambers stated that he is conducting another search for prior art.

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